

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TIPPECANOE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD HELD AUGUST 25, 1976

The Tippecanoe County Drainage Board met in a special meeting at 9:00 a.m., on August 25, 1976 in the County Council Room with the following members present: William Vanderveen, Bruce Osborn and Gladys Ridder. Jeff Miller also sat in on the meeting.

Also in attendance were: Winfield Hentschel, John E. Fisher and Thomas McCully.

The special meeting was called by Mr. Fisher to discuss the development of an area of Wabash Township lying in the watershed of the Dempsey Baker legal drain.

Mr. Fisher presented and discussed drawings of a proposed development of Purdue Research Foundation with reference to soil types, water run-off, etc., in this watershed and surrounding areas. He said because Hadley's lake had filled with silt over the years, it no longer held the amount of run-off water that it used to do. Mr. Fisher suggested that the Board vacate the present Baker tile ditch that is in very poor condition and replace it with an open drain. He said Mr. Arthur Stockton who also owns ground in this watershed had indicated to him several times that he would prefer an open drain as now his drainage is so poor.

Dempsey  
Baker  
Ditch

Mr. Winfield Hentschel told the Board that Purdue Research Foundation was willing to build and maintain the new open drain.

Mr. Vanderveen asked if Hadley lake overflows during heavy rains and he had seen it over Morehouse road, how it affected the houses below it. The answer came that no doubt some of them at times did have quite a water problem.

Mr. Vanderveen then asked if it was possible to use the proposed open drain as a detention pond by using a series of small dams. Mr. Fisher said it not only is possible but a good way of slowing and holding an abundance of water that comes during heavy rainfall.

Mr. Osborn said the Board's concern is always to protect all people in the watershed area and to insure them proper drainage.

Mr. McCully said they would write an agreement and record it for the purpose of assuring those others in the Baker watershed that they would always have use of the open drain.

Mr. Vanderveen asked the purpose of vacating the old Dempsey Baker ditch. Mr. Fisher said mainly to get away from the 150 foot easement now placed on all legal drains.

Mr. Osborn said if you know the procedure for vacating a legal drain, proceed.

Mr. Osborn moved the meeting be adjourned, motion seconded by Mr. Vanderveen.

ATTEST:

Gladys Ridder  
Gladys Ridder, Executive Secretary

(absent)

Robert F. Fields, Chairman

William Vanderveen  
William Vanderveen, Vice Chairman

Bruce V. Osborn  
Bruce Osborn, Board member